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Honorable Wayne T. Gilchrest
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The Commission's decisions addressing PCS are designed to foster competition among PCS providers and between PCS providers and cellular radio operators and to ensure expeditious provision of PCS in both urban and rural areas. I am enclosing the press releases for the dockets addressed above that more fully describe the Commission's actions.

Sincerely,

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October 19, 1993

Chairman James H. Quello
Federal Communications Commission
1919 M Street
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Dear Chairman Quello: .

The enclosed correspondence from my constituent, Mr. Gary Dale Davis, Sr., is provided for your information and review.

If you will, I would greatly appreciate your forwarding me your appropriate response to the situation and concerns described herein.

I thank you for your attention to this important matter, and look forward to hearing from you soon.

Sincerely,

Wayne T. Gilchrest
Member of Congress

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The Honorable Wayne Gilchrest
502 Cannon House Office Building
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Dear Congressman Gilchrest:

I am writing to ask you to contact Federal Communications Commission Chairman James H. Quello and Commissioners Andrew C. Barrett and Ervin S. Duggan strongly encouraging them to fully achieve the objectives of the recently-passed budget reconciliation law by ensuring that small and rural telephone systems are able to provide new services, such as PCS, under an auction regime.

The budget reconciliation law requires the FCC to ensure new technologies are rapidly deployed in rural areas. It also requires that licenses be distributed to a wide variety of applicants, including rural telephone companies.

Small and rural telephone systems are best situated to assure new services and technologies reach rural subscribers. They have a proven track record of delivering state-of-the-art technologies to their subscribers in rural America. Please urge the FCC to ensure that we can continue to do so.

Sincerely,

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